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1. CELEBRATIONS OF OCTOBER "VICTORY" CONTINUE. WE ASSUME ADDRESSEES HAVE FBIS TEXT OF MARSHAL ISMAIL'S ADDRESS AT OCTOBER 6 MILITARY REVIEW. WE WISH ONLY TO NOTE THAT BULK OF REMARKS DEALT WITH PLANNING FOR OCTOBER WAR AND EGYPT'S CONTINUING MILITARY PREPAREDNESS. IT IS NOTABLE, HOWEVER, THAT MARSHAL DID NOT DWELL ON PROBABILITY OR POSSIBILITY OF RENEWING HOSTILITIES, BUT SIMPLY SAID SINAI MUST BE RESTORED TO EGYPT AGAIN "BY PEACE OR BY WAR."

2. ALL PAPERS OCTOBER 7 FEATURE CABLE OF GREETINGS FROM MARSHAL GRECHKO TO MARSHAL ISMAIL AFFIRMING HIS "CONFIDENCE THAT FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN ARMED FORCES OF EGYPT AND USSR WILL BE PROMOTED," AND HIS HOPE THAT "GOE ARMED FORCES
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WILL SECURE NEW VICTORY TO ENHANCE THEIR COMBAT SKILLS AND CON-

SOLIDATE THEIR COUNTRY'S DEFENSE CAPABILITIES."

3. AS PART OF OFFICIAL CELEBRATION,PEOPLES ASSEMBLY CONVENED SPECIAL SESSION EVENING OCTOBER 6 ATTENDED BY PRIME MINISTER HEGAZI AND MARSHAL ISMAIL. IN HIS REMARKS, HEHAZI REPORTEDLY PRAISED OCTOBER 6 VICTORY, BUT THEN TURNED TO ISSUE WHICH IS PERHAPS OF GREATER GENERAL INTEREST TO EGYPTIANS, I.E., DOMESTIC ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. PM SAID GOE HAS GIVEN TOP PRIORITY TO LOWERING COST OF LIVING AND INCREASING AVAILABILITY OF BASIC COMMODITIES.

4. DESPITE STRESS BY ALL EGYPTIAN SPEAKERS OCTOBER 6 ON "VICTORY,"IT IS NOTABLE THAT AHRAH EDITORIAL OCTOBER 7 STATES THAT CURRENT SITUATION OF "NO VICTORY-NO DEFEAT" IS UN-ACCEPTABLE TO ARAB PEOPLE.
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